

The Lodge Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM

In attendance: John Verno, Deb Brewer, Frank Miller, Judy Weichel, Brenda Ries

Prior meeting minutes from June 22, 2022 approved.

Treasurer's Report – Total cash as of 6/30 is \$10,744.23. Currently, total cash in the combined Santander accounts as of 7/25/22 is \$ 8,627.42. There was a duplicated payroll, which will be accounted for, and a deposit pending in the amount of \$632.91 for Trivia night and Friday 7/22. June yielded a small loss of \$69.67. Comment was made that payroll expenses are expected to increase in the coming months with the new arrangements made to help the lodge run smoothly. YTD profit of \$973.20 through June 2022.

Treasurer position has been officially posted by the office.

Kitchen Report – Discussion on food portions again. No easy solution. Discussion included using different (smaller) rolls, but the current rolls we use are the tastiest, and it would then lead to adjustments on the pricing, and the final result wouldn't yield any additional profits; only more work. A suggestion was made to offer half a steak sandwich, price it at \$10 with a whole priced at \$16. This could work, no final decision. Also offer wraps, which has been in the works, but not yet executed. Effort will be made by the kitchen to make the salads a little smaller, and the French fries portions a little smaller – hopefully resulting in less waste. The fresh food can prove a challenge on the weekends that the lodge is only open 1 night.

Another issue discussed was the waitresses aren't always putting their names and table numbers on the tickets, which resulted in the food going to the wrong tables, and increasing wait times. Every Friday this summer has been unbelievably busy, to the point where the lodge is filled to capacity. This has added to the confusion in everyone's attempt to serve the members in a timely fashion. Deb mentioned sometimes the credit cards are only rung in the credit card machine, and not on the register too. This is not correct, and causes Deb to need to review every transaction to find the discrepancies. Deb made a list of reminders needed for the waitresses and will address it with them.

Bar Report –John just reiterated how important it is to remain vigilant about attract fruit flies. Also, reinforce members cannot leave the lodge with alcohol.

Dining Room Report – Taylor wasn't at the meeting. The committee is hopeful that as she acclimates to her new position, she will take on more responsibility.

Deb suggested not accepting reservations. Her experience on one of the extremely busy Fridays was that a table was being held for a 7:00 reservation, member came in at 6:15 and was annoyed that the table sat empty. Unfortunately, there was no guarantee the table – if

used- would turn over in time for the reservation. John was adamantly opposed to the suggestion thus ending the discussion.

There was also a short discussion on if we would still allow for takeout orders. There used to be an upcharge (which wasn't enforced very easily) for the containers, however there is no charge when the members want to take home leftovers. Final decision was to continue to accept take out as they are infrequent. However, if the kitchen is being slammed, they would not be allowed. When a call comes in for takeout, we should check with Frank or Chase before accepting the order.

New POS system- Should ship this week. There still needs to be a modification needed on the application regarding the account registrations. As a bonus, the committee is hopeful the implementation of the POS system will help cut down on some of the confusion in the kitchen.

Upcoming Trivia and other lodge events for remainder of 2022 - August 18, September 15 and October TBD. No trivia in November and December.

Deb checking into possibly a Halloween themed event for October 29th. Details to follow. Discussion on bringing back Karaoke. Will need to schedule a few consecutive events in order to bring in the members who enjoy it.

John is anticipating a total of 5 Eagles games at the lodge. No dates yet.

Miscellaneous – Breakfast is a definite no. There is not enough interest or enthusiasm to pull off a successful breakfast event.

Still need to add Brenda to the bank registration. She has volunteered to help with local shopping. Since the new treasurer will also need to be added to the bank, a decision was made to make only one trip to the bank and do it all at once.

Review of a new community event form. New rules and regs when there is an event at the grove when the lodge is open. Reviewed and commented on by the committee. John is also looking at the by-laws. More information to come.

There was a donation made from a member (anonymously) in the amount of \$500. This is to be split between the kitchen and bar for supplies, equipment, etc.

Other business – With Deb stepping down, we still need someone to help manage the social media account. Suggestions were Marc Haynes and Jill Grickis. Jill has her hands full right now, so hopefully Marc can step in. No other committee members are savvy in that area.

Next meeting on August 22 at 6:00 pm
Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM